

VIRGINIA WAKES FAT OUT OF PORK BARREL

Gets \$5,000,000 of \$6,000,000 for Construction of Capital Warships.

OTHER THICK SLICES TOO

Sister State of North Carolina Likewise Gets More Than Its Share From Congress.

One of the striking facts revealed by even a casual survey of the pork legislation recommended by Southern Congressmen is the dominant part being played by the delegation from Virginia, the State where President Wilson was born. Virginia with the aid of North Carolina is the backbone of the pork system. Its delegation has a united way of going after things that is not to be resisted.

Four of its ten Representatives are chairmen of important committees of the House, another the ranking member and one of the guiding forces of another committee. One of its Senators is chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and the other is chairman of the Public Buildings Committee and virtually head of the Committee on Naval Affairs. They are the big men of the Democratic organization in Congress.

Virginia has obtained \$5,000,000 of the \$6,000,000 appropriated for fitting navy yards for the construction of capital ships as well as the public buildings and the flying field and training station for the army and navy aviation service. These are two of the big projects introduced in Congress for the coming year.

National defense. And besides these two large slices out of the national funds Virginia has found a way to get satisfactory subsidies from the public buildings bill and the rivers and harbors bill.

North Carolina Close Second. North Carolina runs not far behind Virginia in the matter of success in getting pork for the folks back home. Of its ten Representatives nine are Democrats who have been reelected, some of them many times. Four of the nine have chairmanships of important committees. Its Senators have the chairmanships of the Committee on Rules and Finance.

North Carolina has bitten off as large a chunk of the public buildings appropriation as any State in the Union. Inspired by the example of the members from Virginia and North Carolina other Congressmen have been continuing to push their demands and getting them satisfied in a way that has caused roars of protest from all over the country. Several of the other large pork projects have been introduced in the House and the Senate.

Due to Organization.

How has it been done? "Organization," was the answer of a Congressman who has watched with interest and surprise the steady stream of pork bills coming out of the South. The attitude of the Southern Congressman toward his job is quite different from that of the Representative from the North or the West. He looks on politics, which means to him membership in Congress, as a life work, whereas the member from the North goes to Congress as a diversion or a hobby. He is more easily in some other profession.

The members from the South are bound together by a common interest, whereas those from the North have individual interests that preclude the possibility of their getting together except on extraordinary occasions. The Southern member from a district that returns him year after year keeps on keeping on good terms with his constituents by feeding them ample quantities of pork. It is what some Southern communities live on. The Southern member who does not do this pretty well in his day, does not have behind him the constant clamor for pork that the Southern has.

Delegation Long in Service.

And guided by this community of interest they organize in a way that is hard to beat. Take the delegation from Virginia, for instance. There are ten Representatives, one of whom is a Republican. All in the present Congress were reelected. William A. Jones, the senior member, has served in twelve Congresses. Carter Glass, who is chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency; Henry D. Flood is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs; James H. McMillan is chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs; Senator Martin is chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and Senator Swanson is chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings. In the committee which handles the prize pork bill of them all. Although Ben Tillman is chairman of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, which is practically the head of that committee also. Pretty good for Virginia.

North Carolina a Power.

"Of the North Carolina delegation in the House Claude Kitchin is chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Edward W. Potts chairman of the Committee on Claims and ranking member of the powerful Committee on Rules; Hannibal L. Goodwin is chairman of the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service and Edwin Y. Weaver is chairman of the Committee on Judiciary. Senator Overman is chairman of the Committee on Rules and a strong member of the Committee on Appropriations. While Senator Simmons is chairman of the Finance Committee.

"It is to be wondered at that these men should be able to do about as they have done or that the South gets its pork when it goes after it."

A list of the chairmanships of the various important committees in the House shows the preponderance of Southern influence. The only chairmanship of importance held by a Northerner is that of which John J. Fitzgerald is the head.

Southern Chairmen.

The list in which the solid South is shown as a unit of comparison, everything the going into another table, follows:

Accounts—James T. Lloyd, Missouri.
Banking and Currency—Carter Glass, Virginia.
Claims—Edward W. Potts, North Carolina.
Disposition of Federal Executive Papers—C. C. Taylor, Kentucky.
District of Columbia—Ben Johnson, Kentucky.
Education—Dudley M. Hughes, Georgia.
Finance—Senator Benjamin G. Humphries.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS—HENRY D. FLOOD, VIRGINIA.

Immigration and Naturalization—John L. Burnett, Alabama.
Indian Affairs—John H. Stevens, Texas.
Industrial Arts and Exhibitions—James C. Cantrell, Kentucky.
Insular Affairs—William A. Jones, Virginia.
Interstate and Foreign Commerce—William C. Adamson, Georgia.
Irrigation—William R. Smith, Texas.
Judiciary—Edwin Y. Weaver, North Carolina.
Labor—David J. Lewis, Maryland.
Library—James L. Hayden, Texas.
Merchant Marine and Fisheries—James W. Alexander, Kentucky.
Military Affairs—James H. McMillan, South Carolina.
Naval Affairs—Lemuel P. Frazier, Tennessee.
Post Offices and Post Roads—John A. McCreary, Kentucky.
Public Buildings—Frank Clark, Florida.
Rivers and Harbors—Stephen M. Sparks, Florida.
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Roads—Dorsey W. Shackelford, Missouri.
Territories—William C. Houston, Tennessee.
Tribes—William C. Houston, Tennessee.

Reform in Civil Service—Hannibal L. Goodwin, North Carolina.

Division of the Laws—John T. Watkins, Louisiana.

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Alcoholic Liquor Traffic—Adolph J. Sabath, Illinois.

Appropriations—John J. Fitzgerald, New York.

Finance, Weights and Measures—William A. Ashbrook, Ohio.

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PORK RAIDERS SCORN WILSON'S WARNING

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Water and Congress there has already been appropriated \$750,000 and in last year's session \$550,000. The water reported no commerce for the year.

Another Southern State whose water has been a happy one owing to the prospects of "pork" is Louisiana.

Louisiana gets "pork" in good, fat slices in the public buildings bill running up to \$750,000, with post offices costing from \$50,000 to \$100,000 each, the little town of Plaquemine, Mansfield, Winfield, Houma, De Ridder and Morgan City—all of them being put down as unprofitable by the Treasury officials.

In rivers and harbors bill as now framed Louisiana gets nineteen appropriations totaling \$2,337,000. Furthermore, its citizens lucky enough to live along the river get a large slice of the Mississippi reclamation scheme, as provided in the third of the "pork" measures.

In addition to the \$1,520,000 appropriated for the mouth of the Mississippi, Louisiana gets appropriations for several levees and rivers. The Red River, in Representative Watkins' district, for example, gets \$55,000 on top of an appropriation of \$274,000. The total commerce of 27,000 tons, more than half is lumber and sand.

Representative Watkins in the public buildings bill gets a \$100,000 post office for the little town of Mansfield, with a population of 1,759 persons and with postal receipts of only \$11,192 a year. The Bayou Feche gets \$100,000. Of its commerce, 97.4 per cent is cotton, 2.6 per cent of floating logs, according to the engineers. Morgan City, not far from the bayou, is to be ornamented by a \$100,000 post office, owing the post office to the commerce of 4,477 people, its postal receipts for the year amount to less than \$9,000.

Alabama's Share.

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